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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIN, CG
SUBJECT: RECENT PERSONNEL CHANGES WITHIN THE BANK OF ZAIRE

1. IN WHAT MAY BE MOVES PRELIMINARY TO THE ARRIVAL OF EXPATRIATE TECHNICIANS IN THE BANK OF ZAIRE, THE HEADS OF AT LEAST FIVE MAJOR DIVISIONS WITHIN THE CENTRAL BANK HAVE BEEN REPLACED OR RESHUFFLED. THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE IS THE DEMOTION OF THE FORMER HEAD OF THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIVISION, CIT. TSHIBUABUA. REPUTED TO BE SINGULARLY CORRUPT, HE HAS NOW BEEN NAMED THE HEAD OF BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES FOR THE BANK. HIS REPLACEMENT, CIT. TSHITAYA, WAS FORMERLY DEPUTY HEAD OF CONTROL AND STATISTICS FOR THE BANK. ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN A PARTICIPANT IN THE LONDON BANK AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, NOT MUCH IS KNOWN ABOUT HIM. NO REPLACEMENT HAS BEEN NAMED FOR HIS FORMER CPOSITION.

2. OTHER CHANGES AS OF 10 MARCH INCLUDED TRANSFER OF CIT. MANTOMINA FROM HEAD OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE REGULATION TO CHIEF BANK INSPECTOR. HE WILL BE REPLACED BY CIT. MOWAKANI, FORMER HEAD OF THE RESEARCH BUREAU. MOWAKANI HAS EARNED A REPUTATION WITHIN BOTH THE GOZ AND THE EXPATRIATE BANKING COMMUNITY OF BEING DIFFICULT TO DEAL
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WITH, RUDE, STRONGLY ANTI-WHITE, AND NOT PARTICULARLY BRIGHT, SO THIS APPOINTMENT MAY MAKE LIFE MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE EXPATRIATE BUSINESS COMMUNICTY. MOWAKANI WILL BE REPLACED AS HEAD OF RESEARCH BY THE FORMER HEAD OF CONTROLS AND STATISTICS, CIT. BUHENDWA, TSHITAYA'S FORMER BOSS. THE HEAD OF CREDIT, CIT. MAKAYA, HAS ALSO BEEN MOVED TO HEAD OF CURRENT ACCOUNTS AND LOCAL CURRENCY AND WILL BE REPLACED AT CREDIT BY HIS FORMER DEPUTY, CIT. KWEY.

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3. AT PRESENT ALL THESE CHANGES HAVE BEEN BILLED AS PROVISIONAL
AND SPECULATION ABOUNDS THAT THIS IS MERELY THE BEGINNING OF A
MAJOR SHAKE-UP AT THE BANK. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTS THAT SOME
LOWER LEVEL OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE SECTION HAVE ALSO
BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CLEAN OUT THEIR DESKS,
ADDING CREDENCE TO THE THEORY THAT THIS IS JUST THE START
OF A MAJOR HOUSECLEANING. IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL, HOWEVER, JUST
WHAT EFFECT THESE CHANGES WILL HAVE ON US BUSINESS AND
GOVERNMENTAL DEALINGS WITH THE BANK.
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